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SUBJECT: HAWKS FOR JORDAN

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR MEETING WITH RABIN WILL FOCUS ON THE SALIENT ISSUE OF NEXT STEPS. HOWEVER SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE, I WOULD NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU IN ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASING CAMPAIGN IN CONGRESS (ROSENTHAL AND NOW SENATOR CASE) AGAINST THE SALE OF HAWKS TO JORDAN. THEIR CONCERN STEMS IN LARGE PART FROM A CONVICTION THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE BEHIND THIS CAMPAIGN OR AT LEAST IN A POSITION TO TURN IT OFF OR TURN IT DOWN.

2. SHOULD THE RIGHT MOMENT ARISE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR OUR RELATIONS HERE, AND I BELIEVE IN THE ARAB WORLD IN GENERAL, IF YOU COULD MENTION TO RABIN THE FACT THAT IT WOULD NOT REALLY SEEM TO BE IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST TO PRESS OR ABET A CAMPAIGN IN THE CONGRESS WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD (A) PUSH HUSSEIN TOWARDS THE SOVIETS ,(B) FURTHER POLARIZE JORDANIAN INTEREST IN THE SYRIAN DIRECTION, AND (C) LEAVE A STILL MODERATE AND HELPFUL NEIGHBOR IN A POSITION OF DEFENSELESSNESS AGAINST IRAQ, OR SYRIA SHOULD THE LATTER TWO AT SOME TIME DECIDE TO INTERVENE IN OR ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER

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